Measures to Alleviate Rural Distress

869. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food, health care and water facilities have not reached people in the remote areas like Amlashol in west Midnapore (West Bengal) where starvation deaths have been reported in June 2004; and

(b) the measures taken to alleviate rural distress at a national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) As per the information provided by the Government of West Bengal, Schemes like Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) are being implemented in remote areas of the State, as in other areas and food health care and water facilities have reached the remote areas of the State.

(b) All the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development are aimed at alleviating the rural poverty, either directly or indirectly.

Funds needed under the PMGSY

†870. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD. Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1,32,000 crores have been estimated to be needed under the "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadark Yojana" for linking the rural areas of the country with roadways;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the amount allocated under the Yojana by March, 2004 and actual amount of expenditure incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per surveys conducted to connect about 1.70 lakh eligible habitations and to upgrade existing rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, it is estimated that about Rs. 1,32,000 crore would be required.

(c) An amount of Rs. 9681.99 crore has been made available to States

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and Union Territories (UTs) upto March 2004; out of which an expenditure of Rs. 6939.26 crore has been incurred up to May 2004 by the States and UTs.

Success of PMGSY

†871. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has not yielded expected success in some parts of the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, State-wise details of success achieved during the last three years; and

(c) the State-wise provisions being made for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The State-wise progress since the inception of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in December 2000 is given in the Statement (see below).

(c) Budgetary provision for PMGSY is made on year to year basis by the Government. The provision for 2004-05 is Rs. 2468 crore.

Statement

State-wise progress made under PMGSY since its inception

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total Amount Released (upto May 04)	Total Expenditure (upto May 04)
1	Andhra Pradesh	738.94	645.39
2	Arunachal Pradesh	127.46	118.81
3	Assam	399.94	226.61
4	Bihar	299.90	186.81
5	Chhattisgarh	460.63	337.14
6	Goa	10.00	5.00
7	Gujarat	215.86	130.40
8	Haryana	107.92	83.70
9	Himachal Pradesh	303.01	166.06
10	Jammu & Kashmir	55.00	31.98

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